# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO

In re:

THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO,

as representative of

THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO, et al., Debtors.<sup>1</sup>

THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO,

as representative of

THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO,

Plaintiff,

v.

AMBAC ASSURANCE CORPORATION, et al., Defendants.

PROMESA Title III

No. 17 BK 3283-LTS (Jointly Administered)

Adv. Proc. No. 20-00003-LTS

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Debtors in these Title III Cases, along with each Debtor's respective Title III case number and the last four (4) digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, as applicable, are the (i) Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 3283-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3481); (ii) Puerto Rico Sales Tax Financing Corporation ("COFINA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 3284-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 8474); (iii) Puerto Rico Highways and Transportation Authority ("HTA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 3567-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3808); (iv) Employees Retirement System of the Government of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico ("ERS") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 3566-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 9686); (v) Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority ("PREPA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 4780-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3747); and (vi) Puerto Rico Public Buildings Authority ("PBA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 19-BK-5523-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3801).

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THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO,

Plaintiff,

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AMBAC ASSURANCE CORPORATION, et al., Defendants.

THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO,

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THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO,

Plaintiff,

V

AMBAC ASSURANCE CORPORATION, et al., Defendants.

Adv. Proc. No. 20-00004-LTS

Adv. Proc. No. 20-00005-LTS

DEFENDANTS' UNOPPOSED URGENT MOTION FOR LEAVE TO EXCEED PAGE LIMIT WITH RESPECT TO REPLY IN FURTHER SUPPORT OF MOTION TO COMPEL IN REVENUE BOND ADVERSARY PROCEEDINGS

# To the Honorable United States Magistrate Judge Judith Gail Dein:

Defendants,<sup>2</sup> by and through their undersigned counsel, hereby move on an urgent basis for leave to file a reply (the "Reply") in support of their Motion to Compel that exceeds the ten (10) page limit of this Court's standing order. Defendants respectfully request entry of an order, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, extending the page limits for their Reply to a maximum total of twenty (20) pages, exclusive of the cover page, table of contents and authorities, signature pages, exhibits, and relevant certificates.

Defendants respectfully state as follows:

- 1. On March 2, 2021, Defendants requested leave to file a single opening brief of up to thirty (30) pages (ECF No. 15900), rather than filing three separate motions and supporting briefs. The Court granted that motion, which was unopposed (ECF No. 15906).
- 2. On March 8, 2021, the Government similarly requested leave to file an opposition brief of thirty (30) pages, which the Court allowed (ECF No. 15974).
- 3. Given the complexity of the underlying discovery disputes and the fact that six individual Defendants are jointly responding to the Government's opposition brief of thirty (30) pages addressing issues relating to these three different Summary Judgment Motions, Defendants respectfully request that this Court permit Defendants to file a single Reply brief of a maximum of twenty (20) pages—*i.e.*, ten (10) pages over the ten (10)-page limit set forth in Local Civil Rule 7, made applicable here by Section 3.a. of this Court's *Third Amended Standing Order* as applying to all page-limit and format specifications, (ECF No. 15901 at 2)—exclusive of the cover page, table of contents and authorities, signature pages, exhibits, and relevant certificates. The requested

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Capitalized terms not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in *Defendants' Motion to Compel Document Discovery from the Government in the Revenue Bond Adversary Proceedings* (ECF No. 15914) (the "Motion to Compel"). Unless otherwise indicated, all ECF numbers referenced herein refer to the docket in Case No. 17 BK 3283-LTS.

20-page maximum reflects a 10-page reduction in the amount of pages Defendants would have been allotted had they filed separate motions to compel in each of these adversary proceedings.

- 4. Defendants respectfully submit that this page extension is necessary to allow adequate discussion of the arguments raised in the Government's opposition.
  - 5. The Government has informed Defendants that it does not oppose the request.

WHEREFORE, Defendants respectfully request that the Court enter an order, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, granting the relief requested herein and granting any such other relief as the Court deems just and proper.

# Certificate of Compliance with Local Rule 9013-1 and Fourteenth Amended Case Management Procedures

Pursuant to Local Rule 9013-1 and ¶ 1.H. of the Fourteenth Amended Notice, Case Management, and Administrative Procedures, the undersigned counsel hereby certify that they have (a) carefully examined the matter and concluded that there is a true need for an urgent decision; (b) not created the urgency through any lack of due diligence; and (c) made reasonable, good-faith communications in an effort to resolve or narrow the issues before the Court.

Dated: March 10, 2021

San Juan, Puerto Rico

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I hereby certify that on this same date a true and exact copy of this notice was filed with the Clerk of Court using the CM/ECF system, which will notify a copy to counsel of record.

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